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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/412,699
Filing Date	October 5, 1999
First Named Inventor	Gerson, Ira A.
Group Art Unit	2683
Examiner Name	P. Sobutka
Attorney Docket Number	04776.81658

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
 - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
 - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 22-0259
 - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 12/11/2001 AHONDAF1 00000084 220259 09412699
 - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:279 370.00 CH
 - iii. ☐ Other _____
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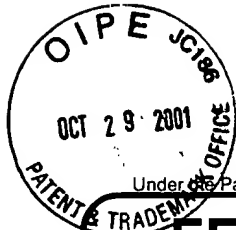
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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2002

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Vedder, Price, Kaufman & Kammholz

- ☒ Charge Any Additional Fee Required
Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17

- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27

2. ☐ Payment Enclosed:

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FEE CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Fee Fee Fee Fee Description

Code (\$)	Code (\$)	Code (\$)	Code (\$)	Code (\$)	Fee Description
101	740	201	370		Utility filing fee
106	330	206	165		Design filing fee
107	510	207	255		Plant filing fee
108	740	208	370		Reissue filing fee
114	160	214	80		Provisional filing fee

Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) 0.00

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent Claims	-20** =	X	
Multiple Dependent Claims	-3** =	X	

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Fee Description

103	18	203	9		Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202	42		Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140		Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	84	209	42		** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9		** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$) 0.00

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

FEE CALCULATION (continued)**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105	130	205	65			Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25			Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130			Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520			For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*			Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*			Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55			Extension for reply within first month	
116	400	216	200			Extension for reply within second month	
117	920	217	460			Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,440	218	720			Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,960	228	980			Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	320	219	160			Notice of Appeal	
120	320	220	160			Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221	140			Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510			Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55			Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,280	241	640			Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,280	242	640			Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	460	243	230			Design issue fee	
144	620	244	310			Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130			Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50			Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126	180	126	180			Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40			Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	740	246	370			Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	740	249	370			For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	740	279	370			Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	370.00
169	900	169	900			Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) _____

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